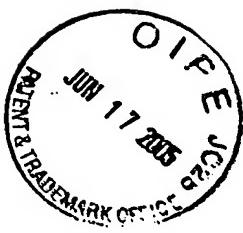


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Masahiro YAMANAKA et al. : Patent Art Unit: 3682
Serial No.: 10/773,243 :
Filed: February 9, 2004 :
For: BICYCLE CRANK ASSEMBLY :

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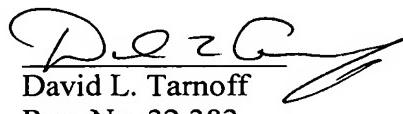
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Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

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